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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Li et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1635  
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For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR IN VIVO AND IN VITRO  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a **three-month** extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 8, 2004, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from December 8, 2004 to March 8, 2005.

Please charge \$510 to cover the required extension fee, plus any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

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